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CONGRESS POWER STRUGGLE

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ON the Congress chess board, Mr. Brahmananda Reddy may be just a pawn, but a stage has been reached where the queen may have to be surrendered to keep the game going.

The crux of the crisis in the Congress party veers on the pivot of surrendering absolute right of power in the hands of Mrs. Gandhi. The advocates of change seek to negotiate from a position of strength only for a temporary truce that may see an end to attacks on Mrs. Gandhi from within the Party and ensure for her a greater say in party affairs including the selection of candidates for the Assembly polls in the States where they are to take place in the near future.

NO PARALLEL

The Congress constitution has no provision for censuring the party chief and that is why Mr. Reddy is able to be firm in not obliging the requisitionists for a showdown and also because a regular CWC election is due to be held in April next.

But all these niceties do not weigh much with the partisans who have long back given the go by to all forms of decency, decorum and democratic conventions.

There is no parallel now to class the 1969 power struggle with the present upsurge. If at all, it is only limited. At that time the incumbent president, Mr. Nijalingappa, and his Syndicate were charged by Mrs. Gandhi of being soft towards the Jan Sangh, the Swatantra and other opposition parties and the so called reactionaries. Now a section of the Congress leadership is blamed for having conspired with the Janata Party. Yet the differences are quite contrasting. Mrs. Gandhi is not prime minister and the Congress no longer the ruling party at the centre.

FACES MAJOR ONSLAUGHT

If eight years ago, she controlled the State machinery, now Mr. Gandhi faces a major on-

MRS. INDIRA GANDHI

slaught from the Government (the institution of the Shah Commission) itself. Because of the many intangibles, the situation could take unpredictable turns and, after all, none of the insurgents cares two hoots for the prestige of the Congress and their politics are already on a zig zag course.

All the bally hoo will evaporate the moment Mrs. Gandhi is re-arrested or if the resumed hearings of the Shah Commission produce the kind of pungent stuff, that came to light in the earlier round.

Another point to be remembered is that there had been no organisational elections for the past several years, and the various organs including the AICC were manned through ad hoc processess which in reality amounted to nominations by the High Command. The majority of the AICC as it comprises now was constituted when her supremacy in the Party's affairs were challenged in 1969 and she was able to cast out the Syndicate. It wears however, a bare skeleton-like image of what it once posed to be before the dismissal of Chandra Shekar, Mohan Dharia and the departure of Jagjivan Ram.

Mrs Gandhi can now draw strength from her supporters in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra where Assembly elections are due and the Congress Goverments function smoothly. In Tamil Nadu she has the solid support of the party although the organisational base is unsound.

POSITION IN CPP

But the Congress Parliamentary Party is a different cup of tea. Of its 294 members, divided evenly between the two Houses, the majority of them may not take kindly to the moves for change in presidentship.

BRAHMANANDA REDDY

The party segment belonging to the Rajya Sabha may provide some solace to Mrs Gandhi while the majority of those in the Lok Sabha who had to pass through the fire of the crucial elections of last March will not certainly let themselves to be jostled around.

The response of the CPP will therefore weigh heavily with the two camps. Despite all the ambiguity of her utterances, Mrs Gandhi is starking on the control of the party because she cannot count totally on collective leadership.

The unspoken words of Mrs Gandhi harbour greater eloquence than the outburts of her supporters. She has not committed herself to a desire to take over the party presidentship, but at the same time she has made no secret of her unhappiness at the way affairs of the party are being conducted.

Her angry speech at the AICC meet clearly reflected her feeling that a small group was trying to strengthen its grip over the

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THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

I believe absolutely that India has a mission for the world. She is not to copy Europe blindly. India's acceptance of the doctrine of the sword will be the hour of my trial.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

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SUNDAY Oct. 30, 1977

RECONCILIATION

The right time has come for a national reconciliation.

A well-defined two party system emerged in the country after the March elections. The Janata became the ruling party and the Congress reconciled to sitting in the opposition.

This was possible because the former Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi called for general elections without caring much for the possible results.

It is a fact that the country made definite progress on many fronts under her stewardship. Some mistakes might have been committed. And the real punishment the people inflict on "corrupt" politicans is the defeat at the poll. And the Congress is routed.

To harp on alleged atrocites and corruption and misuse of political power day in and day out is just unbecoming of a political party led by men like Mr. Morarji Desai. And commission hearings which violate "official secrets" are bad in principle. And this may make the bureaucracy suspicious of the ruling party.

There is a lot of difference between political detentions without trial (which aim at curbing anti-governmental activities of individuals for certain periods) and charging politicians with common crimes (which aims at character assassination).

Reports have appeared in the press that the Janata Party Prime Minister also is committing the same mistakes as committed by Smt. Indira Gandhi in some appointments.

So the right thing now for the Janata Party government will be to bury the hatchet and devote its attention to eliminate corruption taking place under its very nose.

And also come to an understanding with the Congress party even when respectable elders are leading it before it falls into the hands of the much feared caucus.

Of Men And Matters

High Are Not Less Dangerous

Union Home Minister Charan Singh has hit the nail on the head when stating unequivocally that there can be no double standards where corruption is involved.

It is time that all the muck that has been afforded a sheltered life since the dawn of Indian Independence in the name of the high and the mighty is brought to the surface without fear or favour.

The common man in this country has to fend for himself whether he is threatened by the wolf at his door or when ruthlessness seeks to rob him of what he holds dearer than life.

Mr. Charan Singh was referring to the hue and cry that is now being raised in some sections of the Press against the manner in which the CBI had acted in bringing to book high-ranking officials in the Bureaucracy allegedly on corruption charges.

The Home Minister had aptly summed up the situation when he remarked : "It is sad to find that corruption in our society is being sought to be rationalised and belittled as a lesser crime calling for low-key and neutral action."

He asked whether corruption at the top was less dangerous and whether those with influenced should be dealt with by less exacting measures?

Elsewhere in the world in a similar context, the *Washington Post* has reported that Marshall Tito had exhibited a high sense of moral justice in not coming to the rescue of his own wife, Jovanka, who has to face at Special Commission of Enquiry to absolve herself of the charge that as the wife of Yugoslav President, she wellded high influence in effecting political and military appointments.

Jovanka Tito is being held in the Presidential Palace in the Belgrade suburb of Dedinje, pending the outcome of the investigation, while Tito himself has selected to stay away at another residence a mile away. Evidently, he wants to demonstrate that not even his wife is above the law.

In our own land some fanatics claim that Mrs. Indira Gandhi can do no wrong; and there is no power strong enough to hold her.

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Delayed Ceiling

A CEILING is now being brought into force by the Tamil Nadu Government with retrospective effect to limit the cost incurred for furnishing the residential places of Ministers.

The new regulations, taking effect from November 1, 1967 are aimed at roping in those Ministers who held office under the DMK regime. But it remains to be seen whether it could be brought into practice.

Called the new Tamil Nadu Ministers and Presiding Officers of Legislature (Furnishing and Maintenance of Government Houses and Provision of Amenities) Rules, 1977, no expenditure exceeding Rs. 10,000 per annum should be incurred on furnishing and maintenance of the houses of Ministers, including the Chief Minister, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Chairman of the Legislative Council, unless prior approval of the State Government is obtained.

There is certainly a lacuna in his ruling: Who is the Government apart from the Chief Minister and his other colleagues? If expenses exceeding the Rs. 10,000 limit are desired by the Ministers, they are the people to approve it. In the case of the former DMK Government, approval would have already been obtained by ex - Chief Minister, Mr. Karunanidhi, for the lavish monies he is reported to have spent to get his own house, which was also his official residence, elaborately re-modelled at huge cost.

The rules also say that when a Chief Minister or other Ministers have relinquished their office, such of those structural alterations and additions carried out at the cost of the State Government at that time, should be removed or their value recovered from the former Ministers. How are the amounts, spent for the former DMK Ministers' homes to be recovered now?

—DEEVEE.

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Congress Power Struggle

organisation although it can claim no foothold anywhere in the country. She probably had in mind the statements of Mr. Unni Krishnan, Mr. Vayalar Ravi and Mr. H.D. Malaviya who had gone all out in attacking her for creating a "caucus" around her and for misusing the confidence reposed by the Party in her.

MOTIVES

The search for the reason for her supporters to stake her claim at the present juncture throws up atleast two motives. Firstly, because of the arrest her stock went up and her acceptability in the party increased. She equates the popular protests against the Government's bungling with a mass resurgence in her favour. Secondly, the coming Assembly elections in the South and West of the country has heightened the value of the Congress using her "mass appeal" for vote catching. Mr. Devraj Urs, Karnataka Chief Minister, who in order to settle his scores with Mr. Reddy, lost no time in assuming the role of a master of ceremonies for handing over the Party's stewardship to her.

Even when a fresh effort for unity was initiated after the AICC session Mrs Gandhi, while trying to explain away her charge of collusion with Janata Party, chose to be vague in regard to the move for the ooster of Mr Reddy. She merely permitted herself to say that she was "neither supporting such a move nor deploring it", and she had "no comments" to offer on the efforts that were being mounted to make her party president.

Mr. Reddy, on the other hand, was catagorical in denouncing the "defiant and aggressive" attitude of the requisitionists. His statement of last week contained many significant pointers apart from the indication that he would not step down. As far as he is concerned the twin policies of collective leadership and inner party democracy were non-negotiable.

His determination on these points is to be taken as having the solid approval of Mr. Y. B. Chavan as well.

The hold of the no-changers may be quite weak, but they would rather hang together than play to the tunes of the men around Mrs Gandhi who are sure to occupy positions of vantage no sooner than the chair of the Party president is occupied by her.

ERRATA

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A New Angle on Probition

By N. MURUGESA MUDALIAR

THE Tamil Nadu Government is reported to have decided to do away completely with permits for alcoholic drink on medical certificates. This as gratifying but it is only the fringe of the problem It affects only the upper strata of society which considers drink as status symbol or the v ry busy men, business men and politicians included, who consider that a draught of the cup .hat cheers gives them a relaxation from tension and worry. There are a few others, microscopically small, who really believe that a dash of alcohol does them good vitally. It is purely a mat.er of habit and psychological obsession; and pharmaceuticals include a small percentage of alcohol in tonics to make the consumers feel that the tonic is really good.

PERMISSIVE PROHIBITION

Apart from the above categories who do not affect much the habits of the rest of the society, except their near equals, the vast body of the population prone to drink benefit by what I may call Permissive Prohibition without permits. I refer to the inefficiency of or abettors in the enforcement staff who freely permit the manufacture, sale and distribution of illicit liquor which makes drink of one kind or other freely available to the working classes and lower middle classes comprising about 75 per cent of the population. This has been going on both in cities and rural areas much to the ruin of the consumers and to the benefit of certain elements in the enforcement machinery. This is an open secret and nobody can dispute it. One S.C. woman M.L.A. (of the then ruling Congress Party) said in an in camera meeting that policemen in rural areas go to illicit dens, which have given up their business, and ask the traffickers as to why they are stopping business. She also said that the higher ranks of the machinery use the constables for this purpose to earn tainted money. This may not be the rule but the existence of this evil even in the slightest degree is enough to make Prohibition not only defeated but the engender of new crimes. It is well-known that these red signal areas is the scene of other crimes. So permits as well as *'permissiveness'* must both go. Otherwise it would be like permitting night clubs and abolishing only brothels. Let the rich go their way if they like but let not the poor be deceived. It is true that manual workers need some strong drink after return from work to get over their bodily pains and fishermen, those toilers of the sea, do really require a strong drink. But good stimulating non-alcoholic drinks can be desired and sold. Surely our Food Technological Research stitutes can devise a formula.

A cup of vegetable or even meat soup would be as much welcome to ordinary drinkers as filthy concoctions which sometimes prove fatal. But anybody should go and buy a drink of these kinds abolishing the stigma that it is meant only for habituals.

Most working class areas do not have recreation halls where this refreshment could be had and where workers can have some indoor games. Now notwithstanding the higher prices of food and consumer articles, the workers' wages are high and would allow of at least Rs. 2/- being put aside for this club or Co operative Society. Even though Prohibition had been intermittently and genuinely imposed in Tamil Nadu other social and psychological factors were absolutely neglected. Thrift Societies and Social improvement Co-operative societies should have been started and made into a powerful instrument of social change and economic improvement. The Community Development programme also has belled its name by not attacking this most important community problem. I do not think that any Committee has referred to this feature. Prohibition did not get half the fanfare and trumpet that the Family Planning Programme got. It is a great pity. The evangelists' voice got drowned for prohibition.

WE CAN'T BE SLOW

Although Temperance movement was in vogue in India for many years, complete prohibition was not advocated by intellectuals. Years ago when Gandhiji, invited by a select audience of Indians and Europeans to speak on Prohibition, said that he was not a crank when he said Prohibition was not impossible and hence we should be quick about it. He asked the audience "How can you go slow in a matter of Prohibition. You would'nt talk like that to a woman whose husband is a drunkard". (It is the plight of women in such misfortune that moved Mr. C. N. Annadurai irrevocably commit himself to Prohibition in spite of Tamil Nadu's financial difficulties at that time.) Alas! permissive Prohibition has succeeded in making women also to take to drink and, not only that, made them bootleggers in some cases.

HUMANIST VIEW

Humanists from Tolstoy downwards took this humanist view and not the moral or reformist view. In this Yasnaya Polyana farm he found a woman Anisya Kapoyloa trading in drink. He frowned on it and saw to it that poison was not got for money. He hated Vodka and tobacco. He said "The man who does not

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Sri Sai Baba Mahasamadhi Day Celebrations

MAHASAMADI Day of Sri Sai Baba was celebrated in the evening of 21st October 1977 under the auspices of Sri Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam (Regd.) at Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir, Shenoy Nagar, Madras-600030, in the immediate presence of H.H. Swami Kesavaiahji, founder-president of the Samajam. Thiru K. Narayanaswamy Mudaliar, Minister for Law, Government of Tamil Nadu, presided over the meeting.

Many devotees attended the function inspite of inclement weather from all parts of the city and far off places like Hindupur, Bangalore, Cuddapah, Gudur etc.

Messages wishing the sacred function a success were received among others from Sri N. Sanjiva Reddi, the President of India; Sri B D. Jatti, Vice-President of India; Sri Prabhudas B. Patwari, Governor of Tamilnadu; Srimathi Jothi Venkatachalam, Governor of Kerala; Dr. Raja Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad,; Sri D. Rajagopal, M.L.C., Karnataka; were read by the Secretary of the Samajam, Sri C.P. Venugopal.

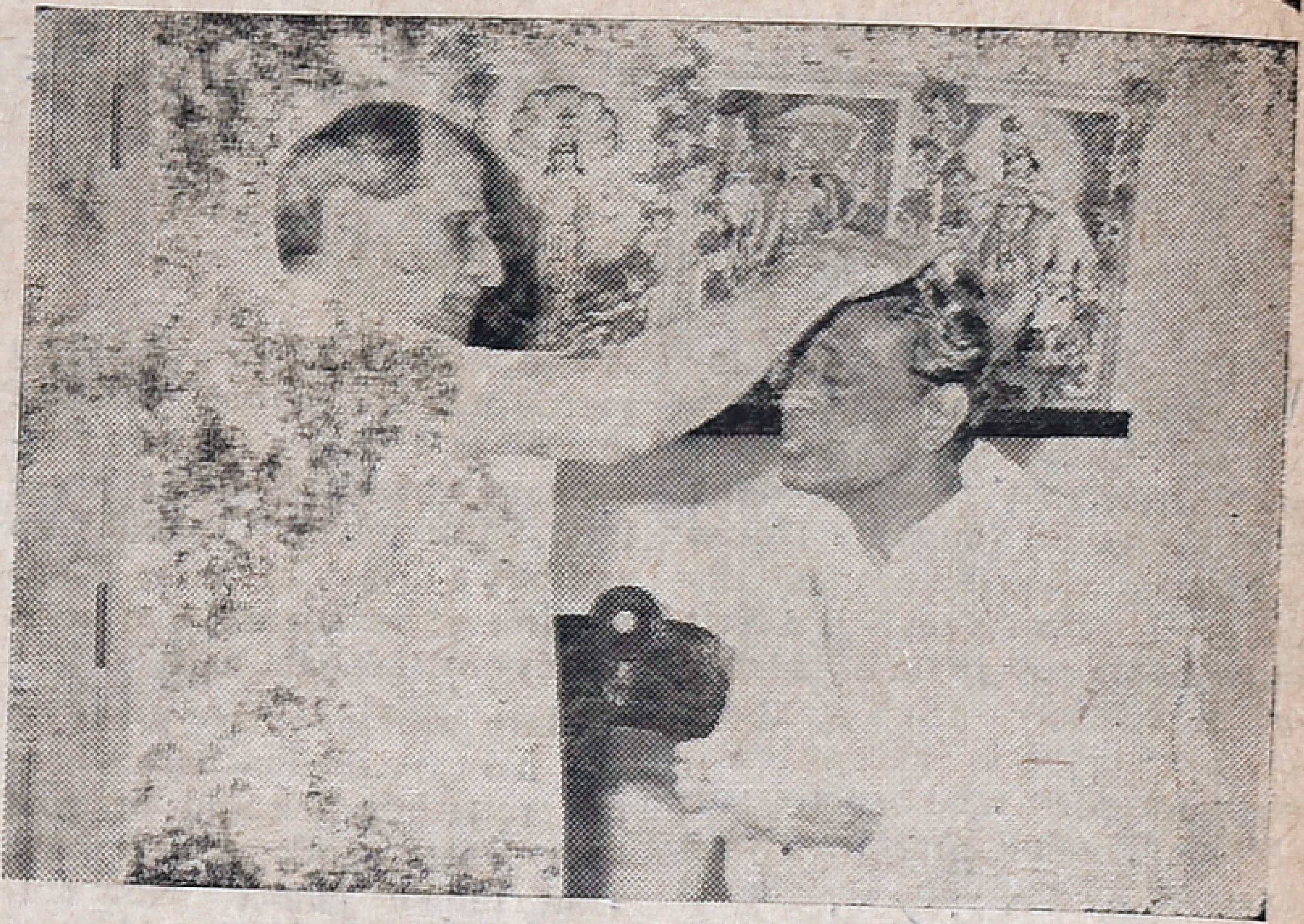
After invocation, Sri M. Uttama Reddy, Chairman of the Samajam, welcomed the distinguished guests and devotees and said "we have assembled here today to re-dedicate ourselves to the spiritual path shown by Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi who attained Maha Samadhi on the auspicious Vijaya Dasami Day in the year 1918. The spiritual revolution waits for its hour. Meanwhile, it throws up its waves here and there. Saints like Shri Raghavendraswamy, Shri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Sri Sai Baba are such spiritual waves. Sri Sai Baba is active even after his Mahasamadhi".

UNIQUE FEATURE

H.H. Swami Kesavaiahji, in his inimitable way, urged the devotees to have implicit faith in the existence of Almighty and in His grace. He also said that everyone belonging to any walk of life should do his or her duty sincerely, thoroughly and honestly. Whatever that is assigned, according to one's karma, it should be done to one's satisfaction. Honesty and sincerity will bring in ample reward. Swamiji further advised that concentration is a must and every one should think of Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi at least a couple of minutes every day. One has to express his grievances or sorrows before Him. Then Baba would certainly lend His helping hand if the devotees completely surrender to Him. Swamiji declared that God is AANANDA. In his message on this auspicious occasion Swamiji said that "a Unique feature of Sri Sai Baba's teachings is the reconciliation between the apparently opposites of worldly and spiritual endeavours. The essence of His teachings is that man should spend his life doing actions appropriate to one's station in life in a mood of believing resignation to the will of providence". Swamiji told that he had assured some devotees that rain would not disturb the meeting in any way and that Baba would help us. Accordingly, inspite of rain the function went off well.

ATTRACTED BY RADIANCE OF SWAMIJI

Sri V.P.V. Rajan, Editor, "The Mail" in his speech said that he was greatly attracted by the radiance on Sri Swamiji's face after the worship of Sri Sai Baba on Thursdays and that his first visit to Swamiji was 11 years



H H Swami Kesavaiahji is seen blessing Sri K. Narayanaswami Mudaliar, Law Minister, Tamil Nadu.

GOVERNORS GREET EACH OTHER

Mrs. Jothi Venkatachalam who has assumed office as Governor of Kerala recently being greeted by Mr. Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu

Sri. M. Uttama Reddy, Chairman, of the Samajam, welcoming the gathering. H. H. Swamiji, Sri. K. Narayanaswami Mudaliar and Sri. V. P. V. Rajan are seen seated.

ago. He said that he was greatly attracted by Swamiji's devotion to Sri Sai Baba. He never approached Swamiji to pose any of his personal problems but only to receive His blessings. He said that he visited Swamiji many times and the more he visited and listened to Swamiji he was more convinced of the existence of the supreme power which guides us and that he went home always with a sense of fulfilment. This magnificent mandir for Sri Sai Baba was due to His grace and Swamiji. Swamiji is one who has come down to uplift others. "If only people could understand the points in the message of Swamiji, I am sure that they are nearer to God. I see the manifestation of Sri Sai Baba in Swamiji. I cannot say more than which Swamiji has said in his message," he said.

GREAT TREASURE

Sri K. Narayanaswamy Mudaliar paid glowing tributes to Swamiji and his selfless work. He said Swamij's saintly wisdom has greatly attracted him. According to him, saintly wisdom of the Swamiji was really a great treasure of wisdom and is also a Bible for man. The Minister said that he was not worthy of the Swamiji's 'paada dhooli' and he felt shy sitting by his side. He also recalled with great pleasure the inauguration of this great edifice for Sri Sai Baba by Sri K. Brahmananda Reddi, who then said that public servants like him would derive some 'punya' by having a darshan of Swami Kesavaiahji. He said that he was present on that occasion. He also said that he visited Swamiji at Shenoy Nagar few years ago after reading an inspiring article in 'Indian Express' on Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi and Swamiji of Shenoy Nagar. The Philosophy of Sai Baba is universal love. The great saints of the South, Nayamnars and Alwars, Sri Aurobindo and Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and other God-men have preached doctrine of love. The minister described Potana's Telugu poem Mahabhagavatam as a work saturated with the name of God. He said the path shown by Sri Sai Baba can be said as "Chakkani Rajamargam" in the words of Thyagaraja. Referring to Swamiji's message he said that this is the highest philosphy—do your duty without expecting any reward; what ever is the station of life, one should be faithful and sincere; honour lies when one is sincere in his work. He thanked Swamiji and the organisers of the Samajam for giving him this opportunity.

Proposing a vote of thanks, Dr. Challa Radhakrishna Sharma said that Swamiji was a shining example of dev tion. He said that the Sai cult is a remedy for the present-day evils. We should be tolerant to others since our country is multi-lingual, multi-racial and multi-religious. He thanked all those present on the occasion despite heavy rain. The function came to an end with the distribution of Udhi and Prasadam by Swamiji to one and all.

JEWELS

Our hearts are the beads and divine love is the thread that will hold them together in a garland of unity. Distinction between race and race, creed and creed, colour and colour, breaks the thread and scatters the beads.

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Only spiritual consciousness—realization of God's presence in oneself and in every other living being—can save the world. I see no chance for peace without it. Begin with yourself. There is no time to waste. It is your duty to do your part to bring God's kingdom on earth.

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It is all right to enjoy life; the secret of happiness is not to become attached to anything. Enjoy the smell of the flower, but see God in it. I have kept the consciousness of the senses only that in using them I may always perceive and think of God. "Mine eyes were made to behold Thy beauty everywhere. My ears were made to hear Thine omnipresent voice." That is yoga, union with God. It is not necessary to go to the forest to find Him, Worldly habits will hold us fast wherever we may be until we free ourselves from them. The yogi learns to find God in the cave of his heart. Wherever he goes, he carries with him the blissful consciousness of God's presence.

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The whole earth is groaning because God has been forgotten.

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I am not your leader but your servant. I am as the dust at your feet. I see God represented in you, and I bow to you all. I want only to tell you of the great joy that I feel in Him. I have no personal ambition, but I have the greatest ambition to share my spiritual joy with all the peoples of the earth.

—Paramahansa Yogananda

SRI SAI BABA MAHASAMADHI DAY

Message By H. H. Swami Kesavaiahji

YEAR after year we have been celebrating Sri Sai Baba's Mahasamadhi on Vijayadasami day. It is not only a day of remembrance but one of rededication to the great moral and spiritual teachings of an Avatarapurusha Sri Sai Baba during His life time was the embodiment of the Supreme Spirit whose mission has been to lift man from the depths to which he has sunk and awaken in him the moral and spiritual values so necessary for a good and useful life. On this sacred day fifty nine years back He cast off the mortal coils and merged with the Supreme. His concern for the welfare of His devotees is still manifest in the unique and varied experiences He is giving to those who seek His blessings in an earnest and sincere spirit. Sri Sai Baba is more active now than when He was in human form and the Sai cult has spread far and wide in different parts of the world.

What makes Sri Sai Baba's teachings appeal to all sections of our society including the intellectuals? Traditional religion of our country with its emphasis on other-worldliness runs counter to the normal ambitions and aspirations of modern man. Although life in this world is ephemeral and full of sorrows and sufferings, there is something in human nature which makes everyone cling to life and seek its joys. There is a deterministic factor responsible for one's desire to continue to live and resist death and decay. To the vast majority life here is the only reality and have no attraction for the spiritual satisfactions of the life hereafter. Sri Sai Baba knowing fully the limitations of human nature prescribed simple and easily workable sadhanas which His devotees may practice and attain slowly and gradually the highest level of spirituality. A unique feature of His teachings is the reconcillation between the apparently opposites of worldly and spiritual endeavours, He wanted His devotees to give up all evil traits and adopt a righteous life as the first step towards spirituality. He prescribed a moral code based on the ethics of our religion which would contribute to success in one's life.

Sri Sai Baba's teachings and spiritual instructions are most relevant in the context of the intractable problems confronting the individual and society. These have been put in a durable form in the Sai Sat Charithra, which was written under the express direction and guidance of Sri Sai Baba, to serve as an infallibe guide to one and all. The essence of his teachings is that man should spend his life doing actions appropriate to one's station in life in a mood of believing resignation to the Will of Providence. Another valuable advice is that God pervades everything in this world. One who is conscious of this feeling will see the Supreme as existing in all beings and all beings in the Supreme. Such a person will be able to cultivate universal love and regard for all. Loathfulness, hatred and grief arise from our not being able to realise the oneness of all beings. Sri Sai Baba's teachings covered a wide range of mundane and spiritual aspects such as Dharma, Duty, Piety, Karma, which run parallel to the concepts embodied in our ancient sacred books. He stands as the manifestation of the Moral ideal and fulfils our conception of God on earth. Let us on this sacred day recall Sri Sai Baba's life and teachings and resolve to practise them in our everyday lives.

May Sri Sai Baba bless one and all.

OM Shanthi! OM Shanthi!! OM Shanthi!!!

For The Week 30th October To 5th November 1977

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

MOST of the week is favourable. Public relations and social activity will be encouraging. Correspondence will be favourable. You should try to reorganise the set up to get better results. Your efforts will be rewarded in the near future. Financial position will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Favourable days: 4th & 5th.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THIS week opens with an optimistic note. You may be offered a new and more attractive assignment. You should try to develop new contracts. Also try to find new source of income. You may have to take a decision to change your residence shortly. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Domestic atmosphere will be cloudy. You should be diplomatic in dealing with important issue. Financial position will improve. Favourable days: 2nd & 3rd.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THE week opens with a renewed emphasis on monetary affairs. Speculative gains are also indicated. There is major change in official sphere. However you should continue your efforts to gain recognition. Political and social trend will be encouraging. Health will be well maintained. You can expect cooperation from your family members. Favourable days: 30th & 31st.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THE whole week can be said to be satisfactory. You can hope to complete outstanding work. Official atmosphere is good. You should utlise this opportunity to improve your prospects. You should try to capitalise the present opportunity to your advantage. Family affairs come for closer attention. There is need for minor adjustments with elders. Favourable days: 1st & 2nd.

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SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THE week begins with favourable indications in official sphere. Continue your efforts. You will be able to reap the benefits in a few months. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Investment in real property will not yield good results. Children's affairs, require more attention. You can expect cooperation from your family members in solving some of the problems. Favourable days: 4th & 5th.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

THERE is speculative attraction this week. There is some improvement in family environment. In affairs of heart you should be prepared for some disappointment. Partnership matters require more attention. Your mind will go towards fresh comforts and luxuries. You can expect some benefits from your friends. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Avoid travel unless necessary. Favourable days: 3rd & 4th.

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

MOST of the week shows ordinary results. But you should continue your efforts. You will be able to improve your position in a couple of months. Domestic atmosphere will be satisfactory. Children's progress will give you much pleasure. You can expect some improvement in finance by the end of this week. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 1st & 2nd.

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THE whole week will be satisfactory. There is scope for financial improvement. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Family members will be cooperative. But avoid friction with elders. Professional prospects are bright. You will be given a more attractive assignment shortly. Change of place is indicated for some. Favourable days: 3rd & 4th.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

MOST of the week is ordinary though the weekend may produce better results. You devote more attention to domestic matters. There is some difficulty relating to children. Political and social trend will be encouraging. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 2nd & 3rd.

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MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

THE whole week can be said to be satisfactory. Financial positon will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. You should try to find new source of income by diversifying your activities. Official atmosphere will be normal. But there is need for maintaining cordial relation ship with co-workers. Help from friends could be expected. Domestic atmosphere will be pleasant. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 1st & 2nd.

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadrapada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadrapada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sadhabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THE first part of the week is favourable than the second half. You should try to complete all important transactions during the first part of the week. Pressure from creditors and borrowing are some possibilities. Partnership matters require more attention. A short journey is indicated. Family happiness is assured. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 4th & 5th.

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THE whole week can be said to be satisfactory. Financial position will improve. Minor speculative gains are also possible. Official atmosphere will be encouraging. You can expect support and encouragement from superiors. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Religious performance is indicated in the family for some people. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 1st & 2nd.

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Mouldy Cheese Is Harmless

Whereas the consumption of mouldy or even slightly mouldly food is a serious danger to health in general, eating mouldy cheese is perfectly harmless. This is the conclusion reached by a group of biologists, toxicologists, and chemotherapists who have been studying all kinds of mould fungi for many years at the German Cancer Research Censre (DKFZ).

In this study, commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Health, scientists conclude that the mould fungus "aspergillus flavus", which grows on bread or fruit, is the "strongest carcinogenous substance yet known as a product of metabolism".

This fungus produces the poison "aflatoxin", which is not present in cheese. For three years, 800 rats at the DKFZ were fed with ordinary cheese such as one buys in the shops and with a special test cheese which had been enriched with a high amount of fungus. These animals all developed quite normally despite this and even rats who had been injected with the fungi "showed no symptoms of poisoning and died at the same age of the same age-related illnesses as the animals in the control group who had had no contact with mould cheese".

According to the scientists' findings, the average consumer eats about five kilogrammes of mould cheese per annum, and this amount contains about five grammes of culture cheese. This amount does not constitute a health risk at all.

The Net Is Tightening

The Federal CID in Germany will in future get infallible support from a computer which will infinitely facilate the process of reading and comparing fingerprints.

Up to now this has been meticulous visual work, often taking up many hours hf valuable time. Now, with the aid of the computer, it will only be a matter of seconds.

The basis for the new procedure is a formula consisting of about 1000 letters, ciphers and signs by means of which a much more accurate discription of each fingerprint can be given. (Up to now there have only been 18 symbol.)

Data and pictnre of the giveuway evidence are all to be found on a customers' card. Using this card, the computer can find out within two minutes whether a fingerprint is already on the file and if the offender is known

For the first time, this mechine can compare single fingerprints with complete ten fingel collections, because this is the first time that al' characteristics are described and stored under the same code.

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A New Angle on Prohibition

smoke saves ten years of this life and the man who does not drink saves twenty". He wrote a number of pamphlets against-drink and narcotics, *Culture's Holiday, The Imp and the Crust, The Frist Distiller and why do men stupefy themselves,* were a few among them. His "Culture's Holiday" was a philippic against feasting and drunkenness and was issued on Moscow University's Anniversary and naturally caused some resentment. He was rather indulgent with peasants who in their cups were goodnatured and affectionate and embrace each other and their fundamental good nature shows itself then. (Not so men in power as in their cups they sell their soul, get corrupted, leak secrets and easily influenced.)

Annadurai, in his only Radio broadcast as Chief Minister on Gandhi Jayanthi Day on 2nd Oct. 1967 on the *Ideal Society of Gandhi* said that Gandhiji did not want all India a country where we see murder and theft, gambling and drinking. He bracketed gambling and drinking with murder and theft. More pointedly he said " We are Celebrating Gandhi's birthday *when we are not in a position to enforce Prohibition successfully*"

NEED FOR PROPAGANDA

Ten years after, we are now much in the same position. A Four Year Plan for total Prohibition will not satisfy any. But there is a silver lining. One does not know whether Delhi will go completely dry. Whether Delhi goes dry or not, there is need for some concrete steps. Tolstoy called intoxicating drinks as "*poison*". Just as the campaigning for proclaiming cigarettes af causing cancer. alcohol and other intoxicants should be proclaimed as "Poison". We can do some other thing also. Postcards can bear the slogan "*Drink is Poison, Avoid it*". So also all Railway Stations and Post-Offices can display this placard. Hospitals and Private doctors can also put up this placard. Cinemas can be asked to show film strips and slides. Police Stations can also display these.

Students should be weaned away from temptation. Drink is poison. It is what good people like Tolstoy and Gandhi said.

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Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

SOVIET PEOPLE WELCOME MORARJI DESAI

MR. MORARJI DESAI had already visited Soviet Union twice. But, as a Prime Minister of India, for the first time Mr. Morarji Desai is visiting USSR in response to an invitation from the CPSU General Secretary, Leonid Brezhnev.

When Soviet people came to know about Mr. Morarji Desai's visit, naturally, they remember about his previous visits.

Many Leningraders remember the previous visit of Mr. Morarji Desai when he arrived in the city on the Neva 16 years ago as Minister of Finance. Leningrad has changed a great deal since then—new neighbourhoods have appeared in it and its economy has advanced.

During these 16 years much has been done for developing and improving the city's ties with India. In 1963 the Leningrad City Soviet established contacts with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Bombay, and four years later Leningrad and Bombay became united cities.

The work of the Leningrad Department of the Soviet-Indian Friendship Society is becoming more active every year.

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A BIG CITY : QUENCHING ITS THIRST

IN the uncommonly dry summer of 1972 not a single drop of rain fell on the central regions of the European part of the Soviet Union. Nevertheless, Moscow residents, as usual, received high-quality drinking water without any interruptions. More than that, the supply of water to the city was raised by 20 per cent.

Moscow has a unified drinking water supply system. The water mains stretch for almost 6000 km. Four high-capacity water-works pump about 5 million tons of water a day into the city's water network. About 600 litres of water a day are allocated for every Muscovite at present. The city gets its water from a system of storage reservoirs. The first of them was formed in the upper reaches of the Volga, the largest river in the European USSR. From there the water flows into a chain of big man-made storage reservoirs located near the city, from which it is drawn by the waterworks. In addition to the Volga water, the system accumulates water from hundreds of small rivers and streams, and also the thawing spring water from vast areas of the Middle Russian Uplands. The reliability of operation of the Moscow water supply system is secured by the great capacity of the storage reserviors surrounding Moscow.

The map of Moscow is constantly changing. Large-scale constuction is underway at the outskirts of the city where new streets and neighbourhoods spring up. Accordingly, efforts are afoot to build up a new hydro-technical system to meet the need for a stable supply of water to the city in the long term.

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TO THE INDIAN OCEAN —FOLLOWING AN ANCIENT WAY

SOVIET doctor Yuri Senkevich is going to take part in a new voyage organised by Thor Heyerdahl, Prominent Norwegian Researcher, who wants to prove that the peoples who inhabited the Tigris and the Cuphrates in the past were linked by water ways with the peoples of India.

Yuri Senkevich is forty. He took part in two expeditions on board the Papyrus Craft RA. As in the previous expeditions, Yuri Senkevich is to be engaged in the medical care for the crew.

Yuri Senkevich in an interview said : "Further, I am the announcer in the popular programme on travels in various countries arranged by National Television. I think that our voyage will be of interest to the TV-viewers.

"Our journey, which will start in early November, will start from the place of the confluence of the Tigris and the Cuphrates, on the territory of Iraq. Our expedition will go down the Tigris, across the Persian Gulf into to the Indian Ocean. The Ocean will show the navigating performance of the boat. Unlike the previous voyages, when Heyerdahl's ships were driven by wind and current, the *Tigris* (this is the name of the vessel) will be navigated by the crew.

Ajayanum Vijayanum

Prem Nazir has don the robes of Ajayan and Vijayan in the Malayalam film AJAYANUM VIJAYANUM, a remake of the Tamil hit "Engaveetu Pillai." The theme has been very well adapted to the traditions of Kerala.

Prem Nazir has enacted the twin roles with ease and grace. Lakshmi and Vidhubala have acted as the two girls in love with the two characters. The talents of Lakshmi has been wasted.

Sasikumar has directed this colour film with gorgeous settings and M. S. Viswanathan has cored the music.

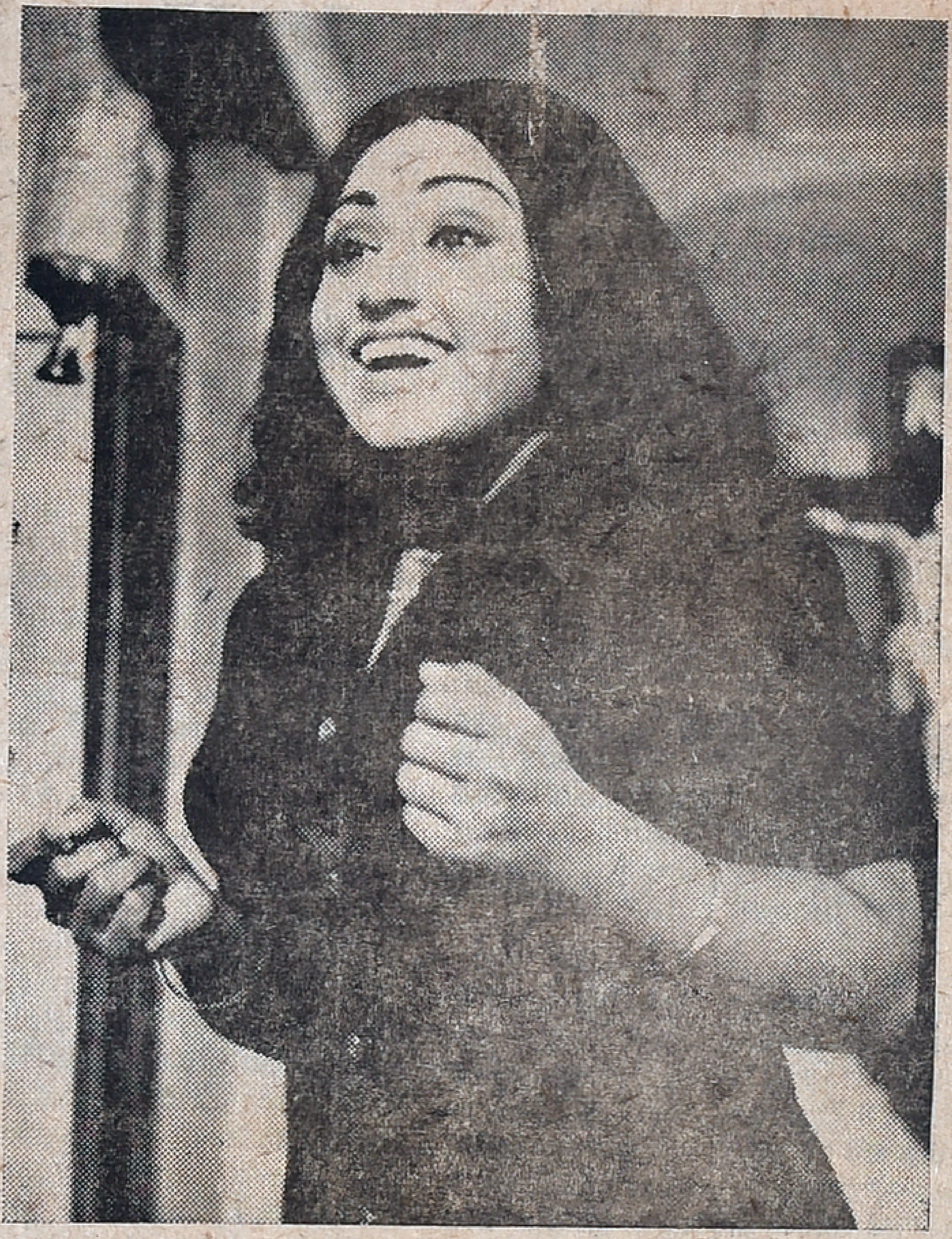
Swapnadanam

Late Rani Chandra and Dr. Mohandas lead the cast of the Malayalam movie SWAPNADANAM directed by K. G. George.

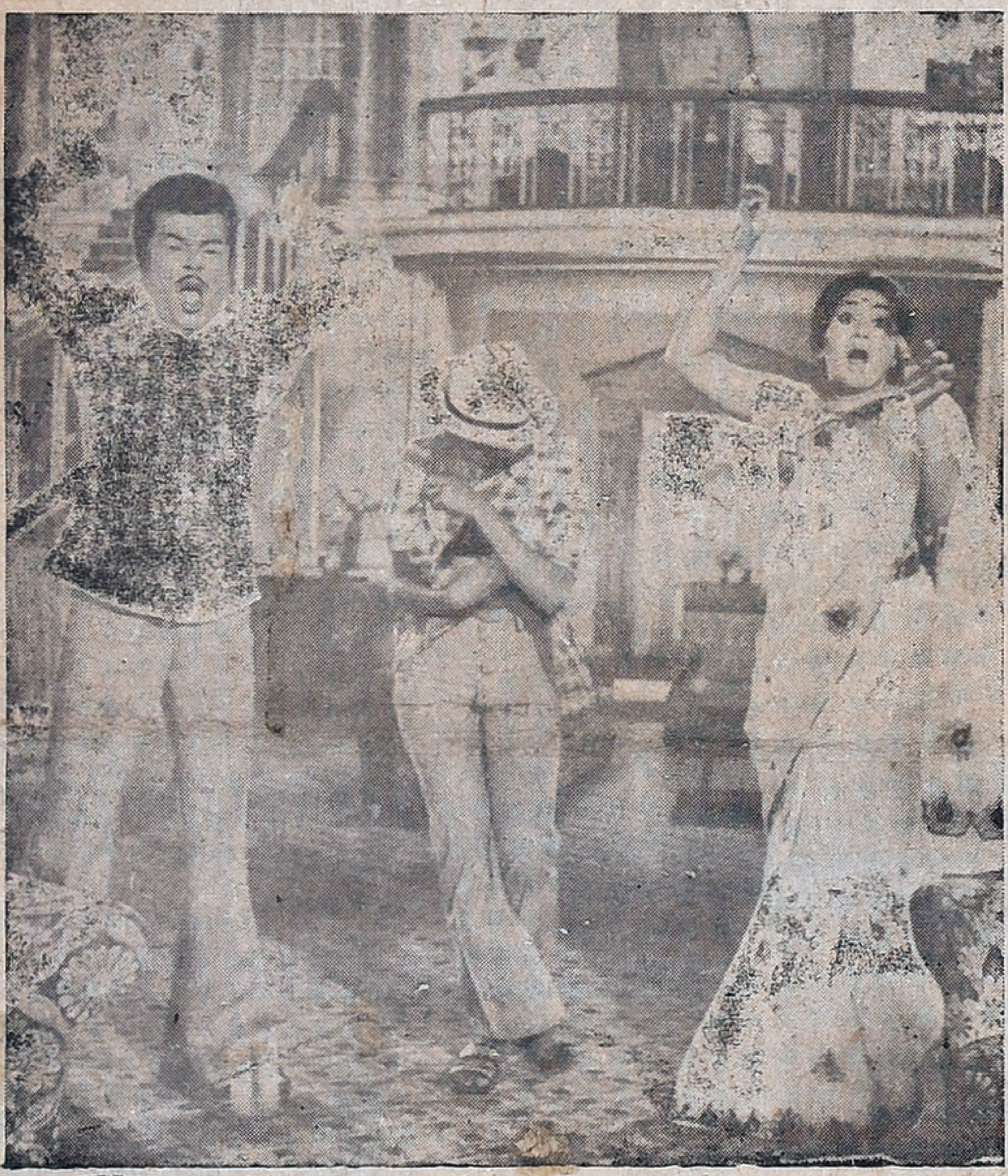
The story is about a doctor losing his memory power and the recovery after treatment. The story is told on the screen with the use of flash back technique.

Rani Chandra had given a fine performance while Mohandas is adequate. Others in the cast are Soman, Mallika, P.K. Abraham, Sonia, Venukuttan Nair, T. R. Omana, Isaac Thomas and Prema.

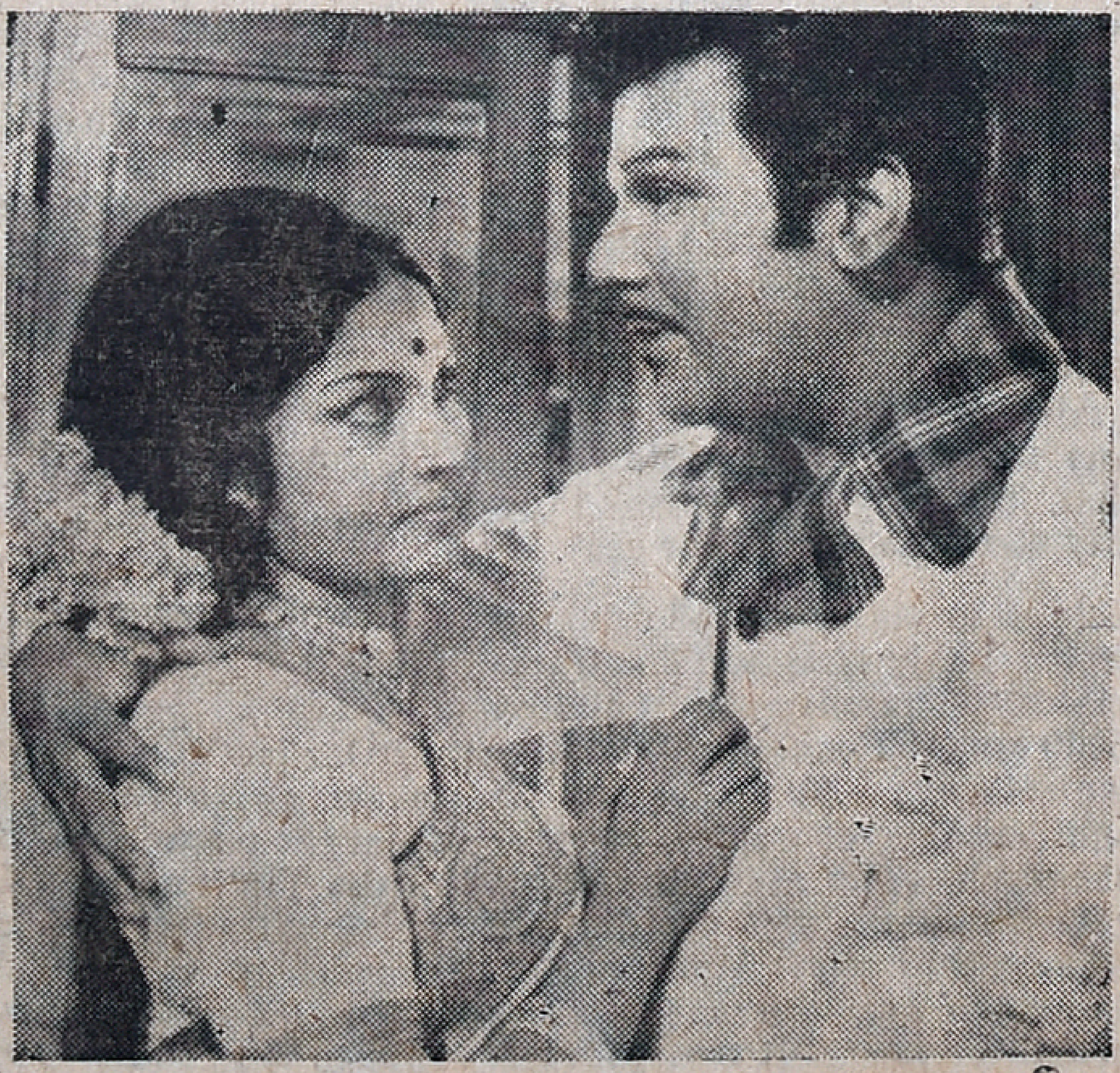
The photography is by Ramachandra Babu and Music by Bhaskar Chandavarkar.



Why is she laughing like this? Is it because she has become a laughing stock in society? Pramila in G.V.R. Combines' maiden venture PAVATHIN SAMBALAM. Story, dialogue and direction by Durai.



Are Jaisankar and Jaichithra trying to out beat one another in a shouting competition? A scene from Raji Raghava Productions' SABASH PONNI.



Jaisankar and Sangita seems to have forgotten this world and reached heavenly bliss! A scene from the film MAHALAKSHMI

Charming Kavitha looks like modelling for an artiste in Muktha Films' ANDHAMAN KADHALI directed and produced by V. Srinivasan.

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